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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

New York City Department of Environmental Protection Project No. 13287-004

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION TENDERED FOR FILING WITH THE COMMISSION AND SOLICITING ADDITIONAL STUDY REQUESTS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Major project, existing dam

b. Project No.: 13287-004

c. Date filed: February 29, 2012

d. Applicant: New York City Department of Environmental Protection

e. Name of Project: Cannonsville Hydroelectric Project

f. Location: On the West Branch of the Delaware River, near the Township of Deposit, Delaware County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 USC 791 (a) - 825(r)

h. Applicant Contact: Anthony J. Fiore, Chief of Staff – Operations, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, 59-17 Junction Blvd., Flushing, NY 11373-5108, (718) 595-6529 or afiore@dep.nyc.gov.

i. FERC Contact: John Mudre, (202) 502-8902 or john.mudre@ferc.gov.

j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests, described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

- k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.
- 1. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: April 29, 2012.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <a href="http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp">http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp</a>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp">http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp</a>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at <a href="ferc.gov">FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</a> or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- n. Project facilities would include: (1) an existing 2,800-foot-long, 45-foot-wide earthen embankment dam with a crest elevation of 1,175.0 feet above mean sea level; (2) an existing 800-foot-long stone masonry spillway; (3) an existing 12-mile-long, 4,670-acre impoundment (Cannonsville Reservoir); (4) four proposed penstocks branching from an existing 12-foot-diameter intake; (5) a proposed 168-foot-long by 54-foot-wide powerhouse containing four horizontal shaft Francis generating units; (6) a proposed tailrace occupying approximately one acre; (7) a proposed transmission system consisting of a 150-foot-long underground and 1,200-foot-long overhead 12.47-kilovolt (kV) line, a substation, and a 460-foot-long overhead 46-kV line; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The project would have a total installed capacity of 14.08 megawatts and would generate approximately 42,281 megawatt-hours of electricity annually.
- o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a>

using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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- p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.
- q. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Notice of Acceptance	March 2012
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	May 2012
Scoping Meetings and environmental site review	June 2012
Comments on Scoping Document 1 due	July 2012
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if needed)	August 2012
Issue Additional Information Request (if needed)	August 2012
Issue notice of ready for environmental analysis	September 2012
Commission issues EA	January 2013
Comments on EA due	February 2013
Commission issues final EA (if needed)	May 2013

Dated: March 13, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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